

Monday, September 2, 2002, being a holiday). Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Drawings:

Please replace the drawing sheet containing Figure 1, currently on file, with the substitute drawing sheet included herewith, with proposed changes being shown in red.

In the Claims:

B¹ -- 1. (Twice Amended) A system for providing clean data for indexing, said system comprising:

a recognizer which recognizes words;

an indexing database; and

a translator, having been trained automatically, which accepts textual input, having originated from said recognizer, and which is adapted to automatically improve the quality of said textual input for entry into said indexing database, whereby errors produced by said recognizer and which are detrimental to indexing performance are reduced, and wherein, immediately prior to reconfiguration, said textual input appears as a feature-extracted transformation of at least one word recognized by said recognizer.--

B² -- 10. (Twice Amended) A method of providing clean data for indexing, said method comprising the steps of:

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providing an indexing database;

providing a recognizer which recognizes words; and

providing an automatically trained translator which accepts textual input having originated from said recognizer;

said method further comprising the steps of:

with said recognizer, recognizing words; and

with said translator, accepting textual input having originated from said recognizer, and automatically improving the quality of said textual input for entry into said indexing database, whereby errors produced by said recognizer and which are detrimental to indexing performance are reduced, and wherein, immediately prior to reconfiguration, said textual input appears as a feature-extracted transformation of at least one word recognized by said recognizer.--

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-- 19. (Twice Amended) A program storage device readable by machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the machine to perform method steps for providing clean data for indexing, said method comprising the steps of:

providing an indexing database;

providing a recognizer which recognizes words; and

providing an automatically trained translator which accepts textual input having originated from said recognizer;